



Citizen Advisory Committee
South St. Petersburg Community Redevelopment Area

September 3, 2019
5:00 pm, Sunshine Center Auditorium
330 5th Street North, St. Petersburg, Florida

- I. Citizen Advisory Committee and Staff Introductions**
- II. Approval of August 6, 2019, CAC Meeting Minutes (Vote)**
- III. Amended and New CRA Programs (Discussion)**
- IV. FY2020 Budget for South St. Petersburg CRA (Discussion)**
- V. Public Comment and Correspondence (3 minutes per speaker)**
- VI. New Business**
- VII. Next Meeting – October 1, 2019**
- VIII. 2019 Regular Meeting Schedule –November 5th, and December 3rd**
- IX. Adjourn**



**CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
SOUTH ST. PETERSBURG COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA
PUBLIC MEETING**

**330 5th St North
Sunshine Center**

**August 06, 2019
Tuesday, 5:08 p.m.**

MINUTES

Members Present:

Dr. Ricardo Davis, Chair (6:16 p.m.)
Deborah Figgs-Sanders, Vice-Chair
Ramona Hunter
Karl Nurse
Motez Robinson, Jr.
Javan Turner

Staff Present:

Alan Delisle, City Administrator
Nikki Gaskin-Capehart, Director of Urban Affairs
Michael Dema, Assistant City Attorney
Bradley Tennant, Assistant City Attorney
Joshua Johnson, Housing and Community Development Director
Leah McCrae, Education Director
Sophia Sorolis, Director, Economic & Workforce Development
Rick Smith, Manager, Economic & Workforce Development
Jessica Eilerman, Manager, Small Business Liaison
George Smith, ED Coordinator Economic & Workforce Development
Anthony Chan, ED Specialist, Economic & Workforce Development
Brian Caper, ED Officer, Economic & Workforce Development
Stephanie Lampe, Senior Housing Coordinator, Housing Programs
Tracey Smith, ED Coordinator Greenhouse

Gina Driscoll, City Council Member

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m., a quorum was present.

I. Citizens Advisory Committee and Staff Introductions

Introductions were made by each Committee Member and City Staff member.

II. Approval of May 7, 2019, CAC Meeting Minutes (Vote)

Committee Member Turner moved, and Committee Member Hunter seconded a motion that the May 7, 2019 minutes approved as written by a consensus vote.

Rick Smith requested Item IV be moved due to time constraints for Carla Bristol.

III. Amendment to Commerce Park Lease and Development Agreement (Info/Discussion)

Alan Delisle spoke on highlights on the Commerce Park Lease and opened up for discussion. He briefly discussed setbacks from the previous contract and how with the extension, these issues have been resolved with a more stringent schedule, and tighter deadlines to meet with both the construction and workforce placement of 62 jobs. There were mixed feelings about the project, but overall there was consensus of going forward with the extension due to the stricter timelines. Vice Chair Figgs-Sanders reminded the City that the original contract also had a training component in place for CRA residents and Alan Delisle assured the CAC that this component will be added in the extension.

IV. Enoch Davis Youth Farm Project (Info)

Carla Bristol gave a brief summary of the Enoch Davis Youth farm program and brought two students to attest to the success of the program. Kareem Alexander, Youth Farm President, thanked the CAC members for the program and its positive impact on the students and on the community.

V. Graduation of First ABCD Cohort (Info)

Tracey Smith of the Greenhouse presented in detail the ABCD Program and its success. Vice Chair Figgs-Sanders inquired about the status Family Day Care program in which Rick Smith mentioned the program would be addressed on Item IX.

VI. Workforce Development Update (Info)

Michael Jalazzo of PERC was not able to attend the meeting so the report was tabled for next month.

VII. Recommendation on Utilizing CRA Funding for The Shores Apartments (Vote)

Rick Smith offered a recommendation to use \$567K of TIF funds to a local developer for an affordable housing project in the CRA. Vice Chair Figgs-Sanders requested a contingency for the developer to have priority for established CRA Residents, however there may be violations of the Fair Housing Act, but the City would do more research to confirm.

Committee Member Nurse moved, however the motion died due to lack of second.

VIII. Amendment to Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Budget (Vote)

Rick Smith presented reasons to amend the housing budget to assure its continued success. Vice

Chair Figgs-Sanders address her concern for a program that would assist with interior issues. Rick Smith responds that the City will look into revising the program and utilizing the N-Team in a new capacity. Overall the CAC is excited with the current performance of the housing programs.

Vice Chair Figgs-Sanders moved, and Committee Member Nurse seconded a motion that the Amendment of the housing budget be approved by a consensus vote.

IX. Amendments to CRA Programs (Vote)

Rick Smith gave a summary on the amendments to the CRA program which included the Family Daycare Program which would assist Home Daycares by offering a bootcamp style workshops with weekend schedules. Graduates of the program would receive incentives toward the daycare.

Vice Chair Figgs-Sanders moved, and Committee Member Turner seconded a motion that the Amendment of the CRA programs be approved by a consensus vote.

X. Affirming the May 21, 2045, Expiration Date of South St. Petersburg CRA (Vote)

There was no discussion on the item.

Vice Chair Figgs-Sanders moved, and Committee Member Hunter seconded a motion affirming the Expiration date of the CRA on May 21, 2045 be approved by a consensus vote.

XI. Accessory Dwelling Unit Proposal (Discussion)

Committee member Karl Nurse discussed history and the positive impact of Accessory Dwelling Units for the community and to continue in this trend as an affordable housing solution by adding it as a component to the upcoming budget.

XII. FY2020 Budget for South St. Petersburg CRA (Discussion)

Rick Smith presented three budget scenarios for the CAC to consider for the upcoming year. Details to follow in the September 3rd meeting.

XIII. Public Comment and Correspondence (3 minutes per speaker)

Gina Foti business and property owner spoke out against the Commerce Park contract extension.

Veatrice Farrell of Deus Live Main St Board spoke about their current Neutral position on the contract extension Commerce Park. And the Royal theatre will be playing a movie on September 10th.

Derek Grasso of T2theS spoke out against the contract extension for Commerce Park and showed interest in the purchase of the Euro-cycle property.

Mario Farias of Farias Consulting Group spoke out for the Commerce Park contract extension and also offered to answer questions for the CAC.

XIV. New Business

No new business.

XV. Next Meeting – September 3, 2019

XVI. 2019 Regular Meeting Schedule –October 1st, November 5th, and December 3rd

XVII. Adjourn

With no further items to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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